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GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary matters – Sri K.Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District – Subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam – Delay in submission of tour dairies to Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam - Departmental proceedings initiated under rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Dropping of further action – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.726 **Dated:16/11/2021**

Read the following:

1. From the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam Lr.Rc.No.4893/2010/M1, dt.28.07.2010.
2. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, Memo No. Vig-II(5) 348/2010, dt.13.09.2010 .
3. Written Statement of Defense (WSD), dt.13.07.2011 of Sri K.Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District.
4. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, Memo. Rc.No.Vig.II(5)348/2010-1, dt.22.04.2013.
5. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, Memo. Rc.No.Vig.II(5)348/2010-2, dt.22.04.2013.
6. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Memo. Rc.No.Vig.II(5)348/2010, dt.30.12.2020.
7. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Memo. Rc.No.Vig.II(5)348/2010, dt.18.02.2021.
8. Inquiry Report submitted by Sri G.Ravindra babu, vide Lr.No.1/2021/Inquiry, dt.01.04.2021.
9. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. Rc. No. Vig.II(5)348/2010, dt.05.08.2021.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam, A.P., has informed the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad that, in July, 2010, Sri. K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District, has submitted tour diaries from 01.01.2010 to 15.05.2010, i.e. for (9) fortnights on 28.5.2010 . As per the provisions he shall submit the tour diary within (5) days of completion of the fortnight, but submitted them with great delay.

2. Further, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam, has stated that, even though he has submitted his tour diary for the fortnight ending 15.05.2010, along with tour diary for the fortnight ending 31.05.2010, the contents are not one and same and the information furnished in the diaries is contradictory to each other, which shows his callousness in submission of tour diaries and even when asked he has failed to submit his explanation which shows his gross negligence in obeying the instructions of the Higher Officers.

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3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam, A.P., has, therefore, requested to initiate necessary disciplinary action against Sri K. Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District, for his gross negligence in attending his legitimate duties and disobeying the instructions of the higher authorities.

4. Accordingly, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad has initiated disciplinary action against Sri K.Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakapatnam District, as per the procedure laid down in A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules,1991 and issued Articles of Charge, in the reference 2nd read above, for his gross negligence in attending his legitimate duties and disobeying the instructions of the higher authorities, thereby violating rule-3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

5. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri K.Chengappa, Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakapatnam District, has submitted his Written Statement of Defense (WSD). Since it is far from convincing, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, has appointed the Joint Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam, as Inquiry Authority, in the reference 4th read above, to enquire into the charges framed against him and he has also appointed the Deputy Project Director, ATMA, Visakhapatnam District, as Presenting Officer, in the reference 5th read above, to present the material on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority during the enquiry. However, the inquiry could not be conducted following the ill health of the Charged Officer and also his request for postponement of the inquiry.

6. Subsequently, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, in the reference 6th read above, has appointed Sri G. Ravindra Babu, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Agri. Inputs, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, as Inquiry Authority, to enquire into the charges framed against Sri K.Chengappa, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam.

7. Further, in the reference 7th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has appointed Smt.K.Bharathi, Asst. Director of Agriculture, O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer.

8. In the reference 8th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the Inquiry report dt.01.04.2021, in which the Inquiry Officer has stated that that there is no substance in the Articles of Charge framed against the Charged Officer and hence the charge is taken as not held proved.

9. In the reference 9th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has agreed with the above findings of the Inquiry Officer and requested the Government to issue further orders in the matter as Sri K.Chengappa has retired from Government service as Asst. Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam on 30-11-2018, on attaining the age of superannuation.

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10. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby accept the findings of the Inquiry Officer on the Article of Charge issued against Sri K. Chengappa, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam, as agreed to by the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur and decide to drop further action in the matter and order accordingly.

11. The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
CHIEF COMMISSIONER RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K.Chengappa, the then Asst. Director of Agriculture (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley,Visakhapatnam and subsequently retired as Asst. Director of Agriculture (PP), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam through the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

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The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer/Sub Treasury Officer, Srikakulam.
The Joint Director of Agriculture, Srikakulam.
The Asst.Director of Agriculture (SC), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District.
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